R. Lane Anderson

Hello everybody, my name is Lane Anderson. I'm hoping you're going to vote for me for City Council so that I can better represent you and improve our fair city. I have chosen not to solicit or accept campaign contributions and that way I am not beholden to any special interests. This also means that you won't receive propaganda or porch litter from me. And if you vote for me it says that you think city council seats should not be bought and sold.

I hope to work with my partners at city council and city staff to implement and improve community initiatives. As one example, the citizen initiative to ban gasoline powered leaf blowers passed more than 12 years ago by a wide majority and it still isn't enforced in any meaningful way. Gasoline powered leaf blowers are just a bad idea because the idea of using gasoline to blow your pollutants, your contaminants, your allergens into somebody else's yard and nose is just offensive. I will work to end this and have it reconsidered as a public health ordinance rather than a noise ordinance as it now is, this will allow more enforcement. Enforcement can include fines and even impoundment and we can use business licenses to make sure that we are able to track infractions.

I also have a plan to balance our City's budget through a program I have called recovery and prevention. This involves recovering revenue squandered by high-risk behavior by a minority of the people and preventing future high risk behavior by using the Article 15 of the California Constitution's allowances for taxes, assessments and fees.

I am the only city council candidate to my knowledge to oppose Measure B. I oppose Measure B because it would limit the city's ability to negotiate with future developers and builders to provide low cost workforce housing right where it is needed. If we provide low cost housing for the workforce and for students right where it is needed, it will take thousands of cars off the highway, reduce congestion, reduce air pollution and improve our environment in general.

I am also a bus rider and a bicyclist and I want to improve bicycle safety and I want to improve bus service. We can do this. I want to negotiate with the railway to use railway right of way as a class one bike path clear across our city.

Thank you. Please vote for me in the election.